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GENERAL STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL INFORMATION:

Following is general information that applies to structural pest control companies under the Professional Services Unit. These categories are Household Pest Control/Certified Operator (HPC), Wood Destroying Organisms/Certified Operator (WDC), Fumigation Pest Control (FC), Household Pest Control/Branch Supervisor (HPB), Wood Destroying Organisms/Branch Supervisor (WDS) and Fumigation Pest Control/Branch Supervisor (FB). All Pest Control companies are required to hold a Professional Services Permit and at least one employee must hold certification in the categories for which the company is licensed. The following excerpts are from **Alabama Code (1975) Chapter 80-10-9, Professional Service.**

80-10-9-.02 Definitions

(13) **Entomological Work.** Receiving fees for advice or prescriptions for the control or eradication of any insect pest or rodent or for actual spraying, dusting, fumigating or any other methods used for the control or eradication of any insect pest or rodent.

(34) **Structural Pest Control Work.** That branch or type of entomological or pest control or eradication work which involves the performance of work or giving advice or prescriptions for compensation for the prevention, control, or eradication of insects, vermin, rodents, other pest animals, fungi, or other wood-destroying organisms in household structures, commercial buildings or other structures by the use of insecticides, rodenticides, repellents, other chemicals, mechanical devices, or structures, or transportation vehicles.

(36) **Supervisor.** A person who has met the competency requirements in one or more categories of professional work or services and is qualified to supervise such work including work which shall involve use of pesticides.

(38) **Supervision.** The act or process whereby professional work or services, including such work which shall involve use of pesticides are made by a competent individual acting under the direction and control of a Supervisor who is available when needed. The Supervisor need not be physically present at the time and place that professional work or services are performed including such work which shall involve use of pesticides unless otherwise prescribed by the label or labeling of the pesticides being used or in other situations as is needed.

(42) **Wood-Destroying Organisms.** Termites, beetles, other insects, or fungi, which may invade, inhabit, devour, or destroy wood or wood products and other cellulose material in, on, under or in contact with, and around structures. Code of Alabama (1975), Section 2-28-1.

80-10-9.03 – Persons Required to Secure Permits. Before any person engages in professional work or services as defined in the chapter or before any person shall solicit such work through advertising or in any other manner, such person shall apply for and obtain an annual permit from the Commissioner in accordance with Section 2-28-04 of the Chapter. Alabama Code (1975), Section 2-28-3.

80-10-9.10 Supervision of Offices. (2) Persons who engage in professional work or services defined as structural pest control work shall conduct such work from an established business location which shall be referred to as a main office. This person shall be certified by the examining board as being qualified as a certified operator and such person shall be responsible for the supervision of structural pest control work conducted or this person shall have another individual who is a full-time resident employee of such person who has been certified as a certified operator and such individual shall be in charge of and responsible for such person's structural pest control work. Where a person has more than one separate place of business and such place or places of business is a branch office, each separate place of business shall be under the supervision of an individual who has been certified by the examining board as certified operator or branch supervisor. No person having a permit as required by the chapter who has been certified by the examining board as certified operator or branch supervisor shall be assigned or designated to supervisor the activities of more than one main office or more than one branch office of the permittee. Code of Alabama, 1975. Section 2-28-1.

Setting of Landscape Plants (SLP) -- This certification is required when a person engages in the actual setting (installation) of landscape plants. Such person shall have adequate knowledge and ability to perform cultural, pruning, and other practices necessary to establish and maintain the landscape planting.

Certification and Permits Required: 1) Certification in Setting of Landscape Plants. 2) Permits: Professional Services Permit and Nursery Dealer Permit.

Fees: SLP exam - \$75; Professional Services Permit - \$175; Nursery Dealer Permit - \$20

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